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EXAMINING GROUP 1731

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

R. A.GIDDINGS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/636,286

Examiner: John M. Hoffman

Filed: August 10, 2000

For: QUARTZ FUSION FURNACE AND METHOD FOR FORMING QUARTZ  
ARTICLES

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated April 1, 2003, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

